

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

April 1, 2009, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Don Betlej, Muskego, Wisconsin.

Members in Attendance: Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek

Excused Absentee: George Scovronski

Guests in Attendance: Chuck Howell.

Attendance at March Membership Meeting: 49.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 4, 2009, board meeting were declared approved by the Chair as distributed via email.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Bell presented a printed report as of March 31, 2009, (copy attached to official minutes). Paid membership, according to Mike, now stands at 120. The total of all funds is now \$15,993.14.

Vice President's Report: Tom Courtney reported that upcoming meeting programs will be
April 8 – Business Plans of Two New Wineries by WVA Members:
Henry Gutmann's **Two Brothers' Wines** in Pewaukee and Jim & C.J. Wirsching-Neuser's **Vines to Cellar** in Port Washington
May 13 – Food/Wine Pairing at the Norway House; \$15 per person
June 13 – Tour to Wollersheim Winery
July (dtbd) – Picnic at Lakefront Brewery

Corresponding Secretary Report: Now in the process of notifying delinquent members.
Awards

for Club Judging will be handed out at the April membership meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Fair Judging – May 15 & 16

Judging will be held in the Tommy Thompson residence building at the NW entrance off 84th Street. Parking permits will be needed; Don will distribute them to workers. Rules have been modified a bit, clarifying the definitions of the various classes. Don said that, as a result of the meeting of judges and stewards last month, no over-all best of show award will be presented. Instead, there will be Best of Category awards given. Don said that the new rules and entry forms have been posted on the WVA website and the State Fair website, but they are difficult to find on the latter site. Entries are due May 1st.

Wine Making Video – Is now in Jim Remus' possession. **It was moved and seconded to purchase three more copies for the club's educational program. Approved unanimously.**

Nominating Committee – Joanne Ziarek reported that a complete slate is ready for presentation to the membership on April 8th.

Dinner-Dance Committee – The Radisson Hotel has been reserved for 2010 and prices will be the same as 2009. Minor adjustments in the layout of activities will be permissible, according to the Chair.

Picnic – Tim Larsen reported that all arrangements are under control. Details will follow later.

WVA Clothing – Tim Larsen said that order forms, etc. will be on display at next Wednesday's membership meeting.

Bios of Life Members – Dave Brandt has scheduled an interview with the Opichkas for April 22.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Sites for Board Meetings – Following a lively discussion regarding establishment of a policy for determining sites of board meetings, during which a number of ideas were put forward, no action was taken and the issue was effectively tabled until some future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Website – Don Betlej reported that the webmaster's fee had been paid for a 2-year period ending in June 2009. **Following a duly seconded motion, unanimous approval was given to authorize payment of the fee for the next two years of \$159.33 (discounted from \$196.70 by the webmaster) terminating in June 2011.**

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- April 8th – Membership Meeting at Clifford's
- May 1st – Deadline for State Fair Wine Judging entries
- May 6th – WVA Board Meeting at Jerry and Beverly Wanty's home
- May 13th – WVA Food & Wine Pairing at the Norway House
- May 15th & 16th – Wisconsin State Fair Wine Competition
- June 3rd – WVA Board Meeting at Chuck and Mary Howell's home

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary